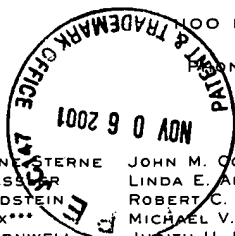


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For: **Method for the Massive Culture of Cells Producing Recombinant Human Erythropoietin**
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Sir:

In reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) and Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules dated **June 7, 2001**, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (in duplicate);
2. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (in duplicate);
3. Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US);
4. Copy of the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;

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5. Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Sequence Listing;
6. Paper and computer readable copy of Sequence Listing;
7. Original Declaration, executed by the inventors;
8. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee with Delegation;
9. Assignee 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement with copy of Assignment attached;
10. Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
11. Form PTO-1449 (19 pages);
12. Copies of references AA1, AB1, AC1, AD1, AE1, AF1, AG1, AH1, AI1, AJ1, AL1, AM1, AN1, AO1, AP1, AR1, AS1, AT1, AL2, AR2, AS2, AT2, AR3, AS3, AT3, AR4, AS4, AT4, AR5, AS5, AT5, AR6, AS6, AT6, AR7, AS7, AT7, AR8, AS8, AT8, AR9, AS9, AT9, AR10, AS10, AT10, AR11, AS11, AT11, AR12, AS12, AT12, AR13, AS13, AT13, AR14, AS14, AT14, AR15, AS15, AT15, AR16, AS16, AT16, AR17, AS17, AT17, AR18, AS18, AT18, and AR19;
13. Our Check No. 33075 for \$ 920.00 to cover a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136; and
14. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the paper copy and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), the submission of this sequence listing includes no new matter.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R.

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§ 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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